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SENATOR MOYLAN: Mr. President, naturally, I object to that amendment. This is a very reasonable raise that they are asking for, the \$20,000, after four years. It will not take effect until 1977. So I would move for the defeat of Senator Chamber's amendment.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. Chairman, I speak against the Chambers amendment. I think, if anything, in this particular position we are speaking of, it is a constitutional office. The modest increase that Senator Moylan has for the Commission is one that is proper and appropriate and I think that the Legislature ought to see that his particular bill as it is before us, the Moylan one, should be the one passed and I think Senator Chambers amendment would do nothing but give minute pay raise for this most important Commission that has a great deal to do with all of the Public Service Commissions in this state.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: A question of Senator Moylan, please, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Senator Moylan, do you yield?

SENATOR MOYLAN: Yes, sir.

SENATOR DICKINSON: I missed the discussion last week when I was absent on the first attempt at advancing. What are the requirements in regard to time for the Public Service Commission members? Are they full time people? Do they live in Lincoln? Are they here everyday at their office?

SENATOR MOYLAN: It is full time for them and they cannot engage in any other work or source of income and they spend the most of their time, either in their office or out upon the hearings. You can call down there anytime and there is at least two or three in the office and the others are probably out on a hearing or sometimes they all five are out on a hearing. But they do consider it a full time and, at least the Chairman, the only one I talked to lately, he said he is in there everyday.

SENATOR DICKINSON: How many on the Commission?

SENATOR MOYLAN: Five on the Commission.

SENATOR DICKINSON: And when they are elected on this from their respective districts, they are required to move to Lincoln and provide housing for themselves, etc, without question. They are required to....

SENATOR MOYLAN: Yes. Yes, they have to pay their own expenses, that is, when they are traveling on business, they get their expenses. For the hearings and the like, they get their expenses but they get no living quarters. The salary is all that they get outside of their expenses when they are traveling on business.